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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

TRIBES LOOK FOR FEDERAL WIND ENERGY INCENTIVES

by: [Rob Capriccioso](#) Indian Country Today® (4/11/08)

WASHINGTON - As growing numbers of tribes pursue wind energy projects, tribal energy advocates are cautiously hoping that new developments in Congress could eventually lead to tax credits and incentives to aid tribal economies.

NATIVE AMERICAN BANK'S Q1 NET INCOME MORE THAN DOUBLES

Denver Business Journal (04/10/08)

Native American Bank earned \$234,000 in the first quarter of the year, up 102 percent from the same period in 2007, the bank said Thursday.

CRAZY HORSE'S REVENGE: THE WORLD'S LARGEST SCULPTURE IS SLOWLY RISING IN THE HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

By Tony Perrottet The Australian| (4/12/08)



The model of the Crazy Horse monument and the full-scale version slowly taking shape behind it. Picture: Tony Perrottet

"FIRE in the hole! Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole!" As the voice rings out from a loudspeaker, we visitors to a cultural centre in the idyllic

Black Hills of South Dakota fall silent and focus our eyes on a granite mountainside.

NATIVE VOICES

By EMILY DONAHOE – Independent Record (4/10/08)



When you're Native, it's who you are. It's inside you and it pulls you," says Mary Black Bonnet, a young writer and poet from Vermillion, S.D. Black Bonnet is a resident at the Montana Artists Refuge in Basin.

BLACKFEET TRIBE'S PREMIER FOSSIL UP FOR BID

By ERIC NEWHOUSE Great Falls Tribune (4/13/08)

BROWNING — Facing worsening budget shortfalls, the Blackfeet Nation is trying to sell off one of its treasures — a perfectly preserved 74-million-year-old baby dinosaur.

MT INDIAN TRIBES PICK UP FEDERAL MONEY

MontanaNewsStation.com (4/11/08)

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced that Montana tribes will be receiving over \$14.5 million in housing grants. Over \$6.2 million will go to the Blackfeet Reservation, with another

\$4.1 million headed to the Salish and Kootenai tribes. The remainder of the money will be sent to the Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy's reservations.

TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS AGREEMENTS AWAIT KEY FUNDS FROM CONGRESS

By NOELLE STRAUB Independent Record 04/17/08

WASHINGTON — With several Indian water rights settlements heading to Congress soon — including three from Montana — tribal and state leaders called Wednesday for a federal fund to pay the government's share.

EDITOR OF TRIBAL PAPER WINS FREE PRESS AWARD

By RICHARD PETERSON Great Falls Tribune (4/13/08)

MISSOULA — Bonnie Red Elk, the editor and publisher of the Fort Peck Journal, received the Montana Free Press Award at Dean Stone Night, an annual event sponsored by the University of Montana's journalism school.

GOV. TRAVELS TO BLACKFEET COUNTRY TO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY, DISCUSS ISSUES

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter (4/15/08)



Victor Sure Chief beams as Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer greets Blackfeet elder James Boy during the statesman's visit last Friday at Blackfeet Tribal Headquarters. Photo by John McGill

"The blue-eyes, you know they keep a different kind of time," said Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer in his opening remarks Friday, April 11, at Blackfeet Tribal Headquarters. "I appreciate more about people for

whom time means something else...in all cultures, though, when a leader has a birthday we honor him, so it's a great honor to be here."

3 TO 4.3 BILLION BARRELS OF TECHNICALLY RECOVERABLE OIL ASSESSED IN NORTH DAKOTA AND MONTANA'S BAKKEN FORMATION—25 TIMES MORE THAN 1995 ESTIMATE

Posted on usgs.gov (4/10/08)/

Reston, VA - North Dakota and Montana have an estimated 3.0 to 4.3 billion barrels of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil in an area known as the Bakken Formation. A U.S. Geological Survey assessment, released April 10, shows a 25-fold increase in the amount of oil that can be recovered compared to the agency's 1995 estimate of 151 million barrels of oil

MONTANA GOVERNOR TO HOST TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT

INDIANZ.COM (4/16/08)

[Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer](#) (D) will convene the 2008 tribal leader's summit on Monday. More than 100 tribal leaders, representing the eight tribes in the state, are expected to attend. They will get a chance to share their concerns with state officials and influence state policy.

VET PREPARES FOR LONG WALK

By CATHY ULRICH, Billings Gazette (3/27/08)



Photo Courtesy Independent Press
Eddie Gray of Ashland is planning to leave by April 4 on a walk that will take him around the coasts of the United States and on a journey of more than 8,000 miles.

Ashland resident Eddie Gray's 10-year dream is about to come true. Before his birthday on April 4, he plans to leave Ashland to begin a journey around the United States, one that will take him more than 8,000 miles and to more than 30 states. Gray's

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dream journey began as a simple question when he was serving in the Marine Corps. "I wanted to see America," he said. "If I'm defending America, who am I defending?" Gray is walking without the official support of the American Legion on a national level. He will be helped by local and state departments along the way - and, in an unofficial capacity, by Jin Kong, the assistant director of the national office of the American Legion. Gray plans to leave before his birthday, with or without support. He doesn't plan to spend much money on hotels or food and figures his biggest expense will be shoes and socks. "I'll probably go through 10 or 20 pairs," Gray said.

If you would like to assist or track Eddie's journey (shoes, socks, phone, minutes or general support) contact: Jin Kong @ National Headquarters Indianapolis Office
700 North Pennsylvania St.
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Telephone: 317-630-1200
Fax: 317-630-1223

JOB VACANCIES:

TOUR GUIDE (HISTORIC SITE WORKER) POSITION #: 98023, LOCATION: Virginia City, DIVISION: Montana Heritage Commission, PAY BAND: 2, STATUS: Temporary Fulltime (Not to Exceed one year), JOB CODE: 396212, SUPPLEMENT: No, HOURLY SALARY:\$8.052 - \$10.064 (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees).

Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of April 18, 2008.

The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER; Division: Riverside Youth Correctional Facility, Location: Boulder, Status: Permanent/full-time, Salary:\$15.054/hr Entry, Position No.: 64100585, Pay Band: 6, Bargaining Unit: 087, Supplement: NA, Shift: Days Benefits: State employees working at least half-time are also provided paid health, dental and life insurance. Other benefits for eligible state employees include a credit union, a deferred compensation program, public employees' retirement program, 15 working days annual leave per year, 12 days sick leave per year, paid holidays, and up to 15 days military leave with full pay. Earned leave benefits may

be used for maternity and parental (birth/adoption) leave and for immediate family illness care.

Application Deadline: Applications may be returned to any local Job Service Office or the Department of Corrections by either email, fax or hard copy no later than 5:00 p.m., April 24, 2008. Human Resources, Room 311, P.O. Box 201301, fax to (406) 444-0551, email to hrcen@mt.gov, 1539 11th Ave., Helena, MT 59620-1301

ACCOUNTANT, POSITION #61107005, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$38,964 to \$48,706 DOQ. Assists in writing policy, CAFR preparation, agency help desk assistance, and reconciliation preparation. Background check required. Application deadline: Monday 5:00 p.m. April 28, date 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=321.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, #35199, Business Resources, Department of Commerce, Helena, temporary full-time position not to exceed 1 year, Salary \$36,192 - \$45,240. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website: www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or 406-841-2718. Deadline: May 2, 2008, 5 pm.

OFFICE ASSISTANT (PROPERTY VALUATION SPECIALIST), Position Number: 58108028, Division: Property Assessment Division, Salary: 3-G10/\$9.55 - \$11.35/hr DOQ, Status: Permanent/Full-time, Location: Kalispell, Union: Yes, Supplement: No, Closing Date: April 30, 2008. Application Deadline: All application materials must be received by 5:00 PM on the closing date. Application materials may be sent directly to: Human Resources
Department of Revenue
PO Box 1712
Helena, MT 59604

SERVICES SUPMGR (FOOD BANK), Position Number: 67117, Band/Salary: 4/ \$12.587 - \$15.73/hour, Class Code: 511134, Status: Permanent/Full-time, Department: Corrections, Bargaining Unit: 005 MFSPE, Division: Montana Correctional Enterprises, Location: Deer Lodge, MT, Supplement Required: No. To Apply: Submit a State of Montana Employment Application to Montana State Prison, Personnel Office, 600 Conley Lake Road, Deer Lodge, MT 59722. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. **May 1, 2008**. (Attach a copy of the Reference and Criminal Background Check authorization form to application. Incomplete or unsigned applications will be rejected as incomplete and will not be considered.

SENIOR TRAFFIC SAFETY ENGINEER Position #08004 State of Montana Department of Transportation, Helena. Salary \$61,843 annually. The duties and responsibilities of this position consist primarily in the development of the Highway Safety Improvement Program, the management and coordination of data bases and computer programs. For a complete listing and to apply see us at www.mdt.mt.gov This position closes on April 30, 2008

SECRETARY, STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION (PART TIME) POSITION #61106301, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$8.56 to \$10.70 DOQ. This position serves as a professional member of a support team to internal and external division staff. Six hours per day, excellent benefits! Application deadline: Wednesday April 30, 2008 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=323

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PROGRAMMER ANALYST, POSITION #61166769, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$40,157 to \$50,196 DOQ. This position is responsible for providing technical and functional support for the SABHRS IT Team.. Application deadline: Wednesday April 30, 2008 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=322

PROBATION & PAROLE OFFICER, Department of Corrections - Kalispell #24761; \$16.44/hour and great benefits. For complete application materials and full vacancy announcement, contact your local MT Job Service or check the web at www.cor.mt.gov DEADLINE: April 30, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. AA/EEO/ADA

JOB OPPORTUNITIES@ St. Labre Indian Catholic School, Ashland, MT 406-784-4500

Openings for the 08-09 Academic Year:

Openings for 08-09 @ Pretty Eagle Catholic School, St. Xavier, MT:

Elem PE/Health Teacher	Open Until Filled
Elementary Teacher	Open Until Filled
Math Teacher 5-8	Open Until Filled
Academic Support Teacher	Open Until Filled

Openings for 08-09 @ St. Charles Mission School, Pryor, MT:

Elementary Teacher	Open Until Filled
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Openings for 08-09 @ St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT:

Academy Principal	Open Until Filled
HS Art Teacher	Open Until Filled
HS Business Teacher	Open Until Filled
HS English Teacher	Open Until Filled
HS Math Teacher	Open Until Filled
HS Social Studies Teacher	Open Until Filled
HS Theology Teacher	Open Until Filled
Academy Math Teacher	Open Until Filled
K-4 Teacher	Open Until Filled
Elem PE/Health Teacher	Open Until Filled
K-12 Music Teacher	Open Until Filled
PreK-4 Librarian	Open Until Filled

Interested applicants should complete a St. Labre Employment Application and submit it no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date to the Human Resources Department, Attn: Faye Thompson, P.O. Box 77, Ashland, MT 59003 or e-mail to fthompson@stlabre.org. Applications and Job Descriptions may be obtained at the St. Labre website at www.stlabre.org or the Human Resources Department, 406-784-4518.

EVENTS/TRAINING:

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Leaders from all Montana American Indian tribes will be at UM on **Saturday, April 19**, to speak at the groundbreaking ceremony for UM's Native American Center in Missoula, Montana.

Contact: Linda Juneau, UM tribal liaison, 406-243-6093, linda.juneau@mso.umt.edu Julia Horn, senior director of development, UM Foundation, 406-243-2646, julia.horn@mso.umt.edu.

KYI-YO POWWOW: TWO DAYS TAKE A YEAR OF PLANNING

By BETSY COHEN of the Missoulian

Expect a gala unlike all others for the 40th annual Kyi-Yo Powwow at the University of Montana. As excitement and anticipation build for this dramatic spring celebration and its significant milestone, know this: Planning for the two-day event began more than a year ago. The annual Kyi-Yo Powwow will celebrate its 40th anniversary on **Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19**, at the University of Montana Adams Center. Admission is \$5 for the general public on Friday, and \$8 on Saturday, which includes admission for afternoon and evening events. For anyone who wants to attend just the Saturday evening contests, admission is \$5.

NATIVE WOMEN'S JOURNEY TO WELLNESS CONFERENCE

Local Native American Women interested or actively involved with cancer control and support groups AND local Native American Women interested in learning to engage with your community as a leader to fight cancer with knowledge, resources and support are invited to attend this one day conference promoting active community leadership skills for cancer control. Registration is open until April 22/2008. [Registration form, agenda and scholarship application](#)

Friday, May 2, 2008

7: 30 am to 5:30 pm
Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula MT
3720 North Reserve Street
406-532-5300

1- 877-782-9444 (toll-free)

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS DAY

A day of arts activities and demonstrations will be wrapped around a Hometown Celebration for artist Corky Clairmont, recipient of a 2008 Governor's Arts Award. This day of celebration is a continuation of activities that began in February at the state Capitol with a presentation of the arts medallion by the Governor.

WHEN: **Friday, April 18, 2008**

WHO: Artist Corkwin "Corky" Clairmont will be a featured guest along with Frank Finley, Eva Boyd, Rachel Bower, Glen Aragon, Tim Ryan, Jay Laber, Alec Quequesah, Vic Charlo and Jennifer Greene.

WHERE: Salish Kootenai College - Three Woodcocks (the art building) and the Late Louis Caye Sr Memorial building (the culture building), 52000 Highway 93, Pablo

MSU POW WOW SET FOR MAY 2-3

The annual Montana State University American Indian Council Pow Wow will be held **May 2-3** at MSU's Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

The MSU pow wow is one of the largest in Montana and all pow wow events are free and open to all.

NATIONAL TRIBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (NTCEM)

Billings, Montana from **June 24-26, 2008**. This year's theme is "Nurturing Mother Earth...Our People's Destiny" and the goal of the conference is to familiarize Tribes with Tribal and non-Tribal health and environmental protection initiatives.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

SMART OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2008 SUPPORT FOR ADAM WALSH ACT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

DEADLINE: May 7, 2008

The Federal Adam Walsh Act requires ALL jurisdictions to have a registry online by July, 2009. This grant may assist in the creation and implementation of these registries. **The Montana Board of Crime Control offers no cost grant writing assistance to tribal partners and small law enforcement agencies to write and submit grants so that resources go directly to communities. The MBCC takes no administrative costs and does not charge for the grant to be written. Please contact us at your earliest convenience if you are interested in the grant writing assistance. We need to connect your project leader with our grant writers asap.**

We truly appreciate working with all of you and look forward to future projects.

Lily Yamamoto
Bureau Chief
Montana Board of Crime Control
Helena, Montana
406.444.1610
lyamamoto@mt.gov

Montana Board of Crime Control Website
<http://mbcc.mt.gov/>
Main number: 406.444.3604

(NATIVE AMERICAN) BIA WANTS TO COMBINE JOB TRAINING REGULATIONS

(Comment Deadline: July 8) The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), a sub-agency of the Interior Dept., wants to consolidate the regulations for the Employment Assistance Program and Adult Vocational Training Program.

BIA officials tell *FAM* that combining the regulations will be consistent with changes to Interior's budget, which has combined the programs into one line item.

The programs assist Native Americans in obtaining job skills to obtain and retain permanent employment.

Info: For a copy of the proposal or questions, please contact Lynn Forcia at 202/219-5270 or Jody Garrison at 202/208-2685

AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST ACF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING GRANTS FOR INCARCERATED AND REENTERING FATHERS AND THEIR PARTNERS

30-Day Public Comment Request for the Proposed Project: Evaluation of the ACF Marriage and Family Strengthening Grants for Incarcerated and Reentering Fathers and their Partners--OMB No. 0990-NEW-Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE).

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-5683. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received within 30 days of this notice directly to the OS OMB Desk Officer all comments must be faxed to OMB at 202-395-6974.

DOT FUNDS STATE, TRIBAL HAZARDOUS WASTE PROJECTS

Agency: Transportation Dept. (Pipeline & Hazardous Material Safety Admin.—PHMSA); **Program:** PHMSA Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness States & Territories (CFDA Number: 20.703); **Eligibility:** State governments; **Funding:** More than \$21 million for 56 state/territory awards and more than \$600 for 15 tribal awards; **Deadline:** July 15.

Purpose: The program increases state, territorial, tribal, and local effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhances implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourages a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations.

Info: Charles Rogoff (copy of application), 202/366-0001

FIRST NATIONS STARTS NEW HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

(Deadline: June 2—Letter of Intent) The First Nations Development Institute, a national Native American nonprofit, starts a program to help bolster the educational, homeownership, and financial assets of Native American families and individuals.

With funds from Bank of America, the Johnson Scholarship and Washington Mutual Foundation, the institute starts the \$435,000 program. It will be overseen by the institute's Little Eagle Staff Fund, which will provide grants and technical assistance to help the residents of reservation communities become better educated consumers of financial products and services.

Tribal programs and Native nonprofits that focus on asset and wealth creation programs in Native communities are eligible for funding. Grants may be used to strengthen program administration, management and implementation.